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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Mr. Rambabu Bavirisetty, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2000/01 – 2002/03 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 7

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 7 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2000/01-2002/03 Regional Transportation Improvement Program that was submitted by your letter dated April 13, 2001. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2001-29 on March 23, 2001, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the Regional Air Quality Strategy and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. This amendment modifies FTIP programming for the state highway element in San Diego County. The amendment adds \$45 million of Transportation Congestion Relief program and \$3.4 million of Interregional State Transportation Improvement program (NHS) funds to Stage 4, Section E of the State Route 52 project in Santee. The amendment also transfers \$15.9 million of Transnet funds from Stage 5, Section F of the State Route 52 project to Stage 4, Section E of the project.

We find that the changes to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) proposed by this SANDAG Transportation Improvement Program amendment were developed through a process in accord with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and Chapter 53 of 49 U.S.C. These project funding modifications pertain to the previously programmed State Route 52 project that was included in the quantitative emissions analysis conducted for the region's 2000 transportation improvement program. Our planning and conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Transit Administration.

We are approving this amendment in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996. This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of the subject SANDAG transportation improvement program amendment into California's 2000/01 – 2002/03 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wade Hobbs

For

Michael G. Ritchie

Division Administrator